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INDIANA has local elections to-day.

MANNING and SPRINGER. Now for it.

What is BUTTERWORTH? Can't tell till after the fall elections.

There's a grave question of veracity among Democratic Congressmen now.

THE Tories of England, like the Bourbons of America, will be invited to step down and out.

NEGLECTING the public business to inspect iron-clads is a great stroke of policy with those who so carefully know whether the iron-clads are propelled by steam or horse-power. Anything to delay business.

THE Charleston News says the common opinion in the South is "that TILDE is mentally, morally and physically unfit to be President." This may be, but so long as that bar holds out it will make no difference. Now mind that.

AMONG the naval commissions on Friday last was that of Captain S. P. QUACKENBUSH to be commodore on the active list.

Captain QUACKENBUSH is one of the heroes of the late civil war, a brave and skillful officer, and a gallant gentleman. The promotion is well deserved.

THE Democracy are always whining about "the Constitution of our fathers and the good old days when pure men were at the helm of the Republic," yet the Democratic Judiciary Committee of the Senate refused to make the birthday of GEORGE WASHINGTON, the father of his country, a legal holiday. What hypocrisy!

SENATOR EDMONDS' masterly arraignment of the immediate deficiency bill and its infamous rider will afford a solid foundation for a Presidential veto. Should it come the bill will not be as "immediate" as it was. It is to be hoped that the President will see his duty plainly, and discharge it effectively in this case.

THE last winter on the Pacific coast has been one of unusual severity. While on the Atlantic we have had a Pacific coast winter and they of the Pacific have been reminded of New England during the winter months.

It is now acknowledged by old residents in San Francisco, its environs and other localities of California, that the days "between rains" are not so much like sunny Italy as they once were.

MR. BLACKBURN now has time and opportunity to reflect upon that "subordinate mudsill" who dared to assert his official rights and defend his official action to perfect success. General BRADY has been thoroughly vindicated, and BLACKBURN has been gloriously defeated in his malicious crusade of persecution. The "subordinate mudsill" is on top in the fight, but we have no sympathy for the under dog.

SPEAKING of ice, the New York Graphic thinks it will be well for ice consumers to look into the results of the harvest a little before quietly taking it for granted that the mild winter has made it absolutely necessary for too great a rise in the price. The crop is not nearly as short as it was thought it would be by the Hudson, and in Maine and Canada enormous crops have been laid in with no more than customary trouble and expense. The additional expense of transportation is far too little to allow of any justifiable increase in price.

TURNER, of Kentucky, and KING, of Louisiana, are members of the committee to which was referred the bill of Mr. ROBERTSON referred to on Friday last in these columns. There is too much science in that bill for those scientific minds to grapple with. What TURNER or KING know about tide-level canals in the Caribbean sea would be interesting to learn. If it were a report on Bourbon whisky to be made, the Kentucky member would be the man to make it, and the Louisiana Representative could doubtless enlighten us as to how he received that 12,000 majority over his Republican competitor—only this and nothing more. We much fear that ROBERTSON's tide-level canal will come to grief.

THE Washington Republican, an extreme Radical paper, rejoices in the hope that General MANION may break up the Conservative party in Virginia. This is perfectly natural, because MANION's party have not only rewarded white Republicans with office, but actually kicked out of office maligned ex-Confederates and put negroes in their places.—Fredericksburg Star.

The Star seems to have a just appreciation of the position of the Republican. It does rejoice, and it is its inalienable right to rejoice, and it will continue to rejoice just when and so often as it becomes apparent that the political Golgotha of Virginia is to become purified. If General MANION can do it, he will be the object of our admiration, just as we are apt to affect the remedy which alleviates pain and cures disease physically. If General MANION has taught the Conservatives and others a salutary lesson by kicking out of office maligned ex-Confederates and putting negroes in their places, we must be per-

mitted, as a citizen of a free country, to rejoice at that, for it shows that the wheels of progress are moving even in Virginia. There is no danger under the most favorable auspices of securing for the colored citizen any more than his just proportion of the emoluments of public position.

It affords us pleasure under the earliest opportunity to assure the editor of the *Sunday Herald* that in designating him as "the army editor" we had no intention of either robbing him of the full credit of skilful GEORGE TICKNOR CURTIS, or of violating his sense of propriety. We used that term for the reason that the editor of the *Herald* was in the army during the civil war, was a true and brave soldier, and has not since peace returned forgotten the war's history or who were its true heroes. Neither has he forgotten the art of taking a scalp skillfully, even though it extends over the whole anatomy of his subject. We would not pluck a single feather from the plume of the editor of the *Herald*, nor from his goose-quill, and hence we rise to explain.

## AN EVIDENT CONSPIRACY.

We have never been able to work up a high pitch of admiration for Mr. SPRINGER, of Illinois, either as a partisan or a statesman, and yet he rates with the average Democrat of the period. In the WASHINGTON-DONNELLY case he has shown evidence of having attained a higher attitude of respectability and honor than have his peers of the Democratic persuasion, and for that reason he has exposed himself to a conflict with their dishonorable methods. This has eventuated in open war between the leaders of his party and himself, and we find his enemies resorting to a vile conspiracy—the usual method of his party in case of warfare against the Republicans—tarnish him. Mr. SPRINGER is chairman of the committee which has had the WASHINGTON-DONNELLY case in hand, and could not conscientiously yield his assent to a great and glaring wrong. His Democratic associates desired to consummate that wrong and outrage and brave all consequences. Mr. SPRINGER hesitated. His associates, in connection with reckless and unprincipled men, formed a conspiracy to effect his ruin when they found that he could not use him to accomplish the full measure of their nefarious purposes.

The conspiracy is now brought to light in a divulgence of its incidents and character by its own agents and actors, who no doubt know more about it than any one else. This conspiracy dates back as far as the 8th of March, when an anonymous letter, undoubtedly written by some one of the conspirators, was sent to Mr. SPRINGER's house during his absence in New York, which proposed to present him with \$5,000 if he would do all in his power to prevent the unseating of WASHINGTON, of Minnesota, and putting DONNELLY in his place. This massive, to evade suspicion, was signed "A Republican." In the absence of Mr. SPRINGER, his wife opened this letter and unwittingly exposed the contents to DONNELLY's counsel, who showed it to DONNELLY, and then its contents were communicated to two of the Democratic members of the committee. In the meantime, as appears by the narrative, Mrs. SPRINGER began to feel that she had transcended the bounds of discretion and propriety in exposing the letter, little dreaming that the conspirators against her husband had made a strong point in their game through her conduct, and requested that nothing should be said about the matter until her husband's return. When Mr. SPRINGER returned a day or two later, DONNELLY, no doubt the arch-conspirator, laid out to SPRINGER and informed him that he knew of the letter and its contents, volunteered his co-operation to discover the author. With the readiness of a practiced knave he suggested the names of two persons—the secretary of Mr. WASHINGTON and ex-Congressman KING—as the probable writers of the document, when he no doubt knew who was the real author, and that he was not a Republican at all.

It is highly probable that Mr. SPRINGER suspected that a conspiracy existed for his injury, for he begged DONNELLY to say nothing about the matter, as he would not for \$10,000 have it known publicly that he had received such a letter. He was then informed that JULIAN knew of the letter, and he replied that he would hold him there if it should get out. DONNELLY, then, as the genuine IAGO, runs to JULIAN and informs him of what SPRINGER had said, and he became IAGO, and from that moment the conspiracy took active shape. Mr. MANNING next comes to the front, almost bursting with honest impulse, and identified himself with the conspiracy, and promptly charged that no other than a corrupt construction could be put upon SPRINGER's conduct.

Mr. SPRINGER, who from the first has been averse to setting DONNELLY, knowing that it would be a grave outrage, has stood firmly by his integrity in opposing the plot, and in this way he has called down upon himself a conspiracy that plots his ruin. It is formally announced that at the next meeting of the Committee on Elections Mr. MANNING will prefer charges against Mr. SPRINGER and call for an investigation. It is to be hoped that this advertised proceeding will be entered upon, but no one believes that it will be attempted. All this blowing is to cover the tracks of the real conspirators and bring prejudice upon Mr. SPRINGER, who has hesitated in being responsible for a contemplated outrage that would disgrace legislation and common decency. This matter will be watched with some interest to see if those who are conspiring to bring disrepute upon Mr. SPRINGER because they cannot make him subservient to their infamous behests will endeavor to push their conspiracy beyond the scope of mere wind.

## THE TWENTY-FOURTH PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

The present Congress has done much already to disfigure itself in public esteem. Its purposes and its methods will not altogether stand the scrutiny of intelligence, honesty and patriotism, and the personal characters of some of its members bring a blot upon its reputation. There has been too much truth in many of the disreputable reports that have flooded the country and disgraced the National Capitol, but it must not be forgotten that with all the demoralizing influences with which the people's representatives are surrounded there are

those in both branches of Congress who are a credit to their constituents and to the Nation. It affords us pleasure in making this reference to designate one by name who is of that class. We refer to the Hon. W. S. SHALLENBARGER, of the Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania district, who is now serving his second term in Congress. Mr. S. has earned a reputation for personal integrity that has secured for him the esteem and confidence of his peers, and has given him an influence with the various departments of the Government that has made him one of the most useful members of the House of Representatives. He is modest and unobtrusive in his bearing, seldom occupying the time and attention of the House in speech-making, and never unless he has something of importance to say. There is not, we venture the remark, a more industrious or pains-taking man in Congress at this time than Mr. SHALLENBARGER, a more obliging Representative, or a more upright Christian gentleman in or out of Congress. It will be an auspicious day for our country, if that day shall come, when our public men are respected for the purity of their private lives, as well as for their public services. We regard Mr. SHALLENBARGER as having, as a "new member," made a most enviable record, having proved himself able, worthy and progressive. It is to be hoped that the electors of his district may be sufficiently wise to retain his services as long as he will consent to serve his constituents in the councils of the Nation.

## VIRGINIA POLITICS.

The Lynchburg Virginian continues its little talk with us in a kindly spirit, and with an evident feeling of languor, for it closes an article that nearly fills a column of its valuable space with the mild remark, "It is hardly worth while to say more." It shall be as our valued contemporary desires. It started out with the evident purpose of convincing THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN that it is inconsistent in its dealings with Virginia politics. We are frank enough to admit that, in their present shape, Virginia politics and parties are so infinitely twisted and mixed up that it requires superhuman dexterity to pursue and discuss them on straight lines. In their labyrinthine intricacies, they are a little the worst we have ever had occasion to deal with. The professed debt-payers seem content with that profession, for so far as we have discovered, they have not while in power provided the ways and means for liquidating their debt. So that their professions are a mere "sounding brass" and "tinkling cymbal," and are illy calculated to inspire public confidence in their pretensions. On the other hand, the Readjusters, who had become sick and tired of dragging along in this loose way of paying debts without paying them, and with a constant percolation of the school fund without securing the intended benefits of education to the people, broke away from the dominant party and set up for themselves. Now, if in dealing with this question THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN has been inconsistent, it is that it has enjoyed a feeling of satisfaction in seeing the Conservative party, which is its ancient enemy, encounter shipwreck by breaking apart amidst ruin. We confess to this inconsistency, if it be such. Beyond that we have taken but little interest in the matter which has, so to speak, "burst the Conservative party wide open" and let in a little light of future hope upon the people of that heretofore politically benighted State. We continue to rejoice over the present condition of affairs in the Old Dominion, for the reason that there does not seem to be cause of fear that anything worse than the people of that State have endured can come of this experiment. We hope for good, and hence we are gratified. Our great surprise—the better we know the Virginia—is that we find it in such company.

## REPUBLICAN BULLDOZING.

We call attention to a letter from Mississippi, which appears in another portion of this paper, and which is accompanied by the proceedings of a Republican meeting. We are led to inquire in this connection if it is possible that there is an organization within the Republican party of that State which is an intolerant toward its masses as the Bourbon party has been for years? If the Republicans of that Bourbon-ridden State are to be stepped on and crushed by the heel of official oppression and ostracism under the Republican banner, it is best that it be known and understood. If the statements contained in the communication alluded to were not strongly verified we could not give them credit. It is high time, under these indications, that the Republican party should call a halt in the direction in which this condition of things leads. If the official servants of the Republican party are to become its oppressors the sooner that is known the better. There is no elevating power to personal ambition in such proceedings when they are revealed.

## BLAINE AND GARFIELD would not make a

badly matched pair. The fact is, they would be about evenly matched.—Cleveland Leader.

A more appropriate ticket or one more consistent with itself can scarcely be framed.

The Secretary of the Maine Club of Washington publishes the following as his estimate of the BLAINE vote on the first ballot, and we put it on record for future reference:

We estimate in the following manner for our candidate: Alabama, 3; Arkansas, 2; California, 12; Colorado, 6; Connecticut, 6; Delaware, 4; Florida, 4; Georgia, 1; Illinois, 21; Indiana, 2; Iowa, 22; Kansas, 10; Kentucky, 5; Louisiana, 6; Maine, 14; Maryland, 16; Massachusetts, 10; Michigan, 22; Minnesota, 10; Missouri, 7; Mississippi, 6; Nebraska, 6; Nevada, 6; New Hampshire, 10; New Jersey, 10; New York, 15; North Carolina, 6; Ohio, 9; Oregon, 6; Pennsylvania, 20; Rhode Island, 3; South Carolina, 7; Tennessee, 6; Texas, 8; Vermont, 6; Virginia, 8; West Virginia, 10; Wisconsin, 20; Dakota, 2; Idaho, 3; Arizona, 2; New Mexico, 2; Montana, 2; Washington, 2; Wyoming, 2; Utah, 2; District of Columbia, 1—359.

## SPARKS FROM THE POLITICAL ANVIL.

Mr. Sherman's visit to Ohio this time is not about feuds, but gates—delegates.

The Danville (Ky.) Tribune says that the Republicans of that part of the country "are unanimous for Grant."

Whoever Judge Raymond pitches into Bou Hill, the Georgia statesman takes it out on Kellogg.—Denver Tribune.

Blackburn, of Kentucky, has as yet found no rival in the House as a blatant valet and a blustering bully.—Fredericksburg Telegram.

So far as meetings have been held in Missouri to send delegates to the Southern convention.

tion has not been a delegate chosen who is known to be opposed to General Grant.—Kansas City Journal.

The Charleston Courier says General Grant will beat Tilden easily, as some half a dozen Southern States will prefer him to the great Clever.

General Grant has lost his distinction of the "silent man." He has grown to be quite a speech-maker, and, like other speakers, tries to say what is agreeable to his auditors.—Union Herald.

We respectfully inform the *Sun* that the couple last mentioned in the *Sun* article have been created a Duke by the carnival authorities in New Orleans, and this, of course, is a stepping-stone to the Emperor's throne.—N. Y. Commercial.

Texas, the only Southern State whose people enjoy the bad influence of insulting General Grant while visiting them as a guest, is one of the few Southern States which was not personally visited by him during the late war.—Herald.

This is probably true, that the election of General Grant and the initiation of justice to the negro would put an end to the flight of the negro people, and retain in the South a population which naturally does not desire to leave it, and upon which its prosperity almost wholly depends.—Presidence Journal.

There need be no uneasiness about Grant in Illinois. In spite of all that is being done against him by such politicians as Charles Farwell, the delegation from that State will be solid for him. Illinois has stood by Grant since 1861, and she will not desert him now in obedience to the wishes of a few scoundrels.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The gentlemen elected by the Republican State convention of Rhode Island as delegates to the National Convention at Chicago are Edward H. Smith, of Providence, and Charles J. Smith, of Pawtucket. Our stock Company is in a grand old, the performance concluding with the grand finale, entitled "Road to Ruin." Gallery reduced to ten cents. The greatest show ever seen here.

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